

U S B Mint New Orleans

March 7th 1839

Sir,

I have the honor to Report that I herewith enclose an account of the deposits received for Coinage in this Branch Mint since the first of August last as nearly in Conformity with your directions of the 13th October last as can be made. The figures requiring much more space to set it forth than the specimens sent would admit.

Up to this time we have but one Coining press in operation and that the least of the three we have. About the Middle of January Mr. Tyler struck a few pieces - half dollars - in the large press. He informed me that the half dollar dies that had been received at this Branch Mint were made for W. E. Feldts press and were too short for the large press in this Branch Mint. He informed me that he had fitted a Mower to supply the length in which the half dollar dies we have, are deficient but that it was crushed after striking a few pieces. We urgently need the quarter dollar, the half dollar and a further supply of the dime and half dime dies for this year and I respectfully request that they be forwarded to this Branch Mint by the earliest opportunity. I have to request that you inform me how many pieces a set of dies generally strike and whether we may use the dies we have on hand for 1838?

I have the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 13th ulto. and its enclosure.

I remain Your Faithful Servant,
David Bradford

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Director
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